

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGHBURTON ON THURSDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Barraclough in the Chair

M Atkinson, H Barraclough, A Cooper, P Cunnington, K Dunn, D Hardcastle, J Heward, G Hickey, J Hirst, L Holroyd, E Hutchinson, A Munro, A Murphy, S Murphy, J Paxton, P Rock and M Sykes.

Before the meeting the Council was addressed by a member of the public on the subject of the campaign to re-establish a community shop in Highburton.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dunford, Taylor and Whittingham, the reasons were accepted by the Council. Apologies from Cllrs Burton and Moreton were received after the meeting. Cllr Sykes apologised for having to leave the meeting early.

**227 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

The following personal interests were declared: Cllr Atkinson in the EPIP grant application as she is the applicant; Cllrs R Barraclough and Sykes in the EPIP grant application, as they have been involved; Cllr Holroyd in Flockton First School, as she is a Governor.

Cllr A Murphy declared a personal interest in all the planning applications as he is on Kirklees Planning Committees. He stated that all views expressed by himself at the Parish Council were preliminary as the final decisions on all applications will be made when he has received all information at the Kirklees committee meetings.

Resolved: To bring Items 10 and 11 to the start of the meeting.

228 Order of Business

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mark Ramsden of Kirklees Highways to the meeting. Mr Ramsden gave a presentation to the Council outlining the responsibilities and resources of the Service and answered various related questions.

229 Highways Issues

Kirkheaton members outlined the highway safety problems in the area outside of the post office on St Mary's Lane in Kirkheaton due to parking and the location of the bus stop. Mr Ramsden agreed to look into the problem and respond to the Council with possible solutions.

**230 Highway Problems
in Kirkheaton**

Cllr Hirst, Vice Chairman, moved a vote of thanks to Mr Ramsden for attending the meeting and giving an interesting and informative presentation. Mr Ramsden then left the meeting.

Resolved: To hold all items in the public session

**231 Admission of the
Public**

The Chairman reported he had attended the Kirkheaton Luncheon Club's Christmas Lunch.

**232 Chairman's
Appointments**

Resolved: To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3rd December 2009 as a true record.

**233 Parish Council
Minutes**

Resolved: To agree and adopt the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21st January 2010.

**234 Environment
Committee Minutes**

09/93668 *Application for approval of reserved matters for erection of continuing care retirement community of 300 units, residential care home and central community facilities at the former Storthes Hall Hospital site, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton.* The Council commented on the location of the access and asked for it to be moved lower down Storthes Hall Lane and closer to the University access, in order to encourage traffic to use Penistone Road (the preferred route) instead of making a short cut through Farnley Tyas on the smaller roads, which are not suitable for a high volume of traffic, and on which there is already a history of traffic problems and road accidents. Comments submitted under delegated authority concerned lack of provision of social housing, need for a turning circle to facilitate public transport and asked that community heating be considered, with particular regard to renewable energy.

235 Plans

- The Council recommended approval of the following application: 10/90013 Kirkburton. **235 Plans (Cont'd)**
- There was no comment made on the following applications:
10/90004 Kirkburton; 09/93598 Shepley; 09/93621 Flockton; 09/93640 Shelley;
09/93667 Kirkheaton; 10/90045 Kirkburton; 10/90090 Fenay Bridge and
10/90118 Highburton.
- Comment on the following applications was deferred pending receipt of the plans:
09/93528 Shelley; 09/93540 Lepton and 10/90036 Fenay Bridge.
- There were no planning appeals before the Council. **236 Planning Appeals**
- Members noted the correspondence from Planning Services indicating the paper plans would not normally be available after March. The Kirklees Councillors present agreed to make representations also **237 E-Planning**
- Resolved:** To request that the date is deferred a little to allow the Council time to put measures in place to adapt to the new system, and to ask that paper plans continue to be supplied for the larger, more complex developments.
- Resolved:** To settle the accounts as presented (£8,060.66 including £4,400 agreed under LGA 1972 s137). **238 Accounts**
- Verbal reports were given on the recent Kirkburton Area Committee meeting. **239 Area Committee**
- Members noted the EPIP grant scheme for refurbishment of village halls. **240 Village Halls**
- Resolved:** To defer consideration of the grant application for a feasibility study into the installation of solar panels on the Club pending receipt of further information. **241 Flockton WMC**
- Members noted the application from Kirkheaton PCC for a clock grant. **242 Kirkheaton Church Clock Grant**
- Resolved:** To award Kirkheaton PCC £200 to contribute towards the maintenance of the Church clock.
- Members noted the environment grant application from Highburton First School for £800 to create a pond. **243 Environment Grants**
- Resolved:** To award Highburton First School £800 to create a pond. **a) Highburton First School**
- Members noted the environment grant application from Flockton First School for £1,500 to purchase a shed and greenhouse for the school allotment. **244 b) Flockton First School**
- Resolved:** To award Flockton First School £1,500 to purchase a shed and greenhouse for the school allotment.
- Members noted the environment grant application from Shelley Community Association for £750 to purchase a vandal-proof seat for the garden at Shelley Village Hall. **245 c) Shelley Community Association**
- Resolved:** To award Shelley Community Association £750 to purchase a vandal-proof seat for Shelley Village Hall garden.
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Members noted the draft responses drawn up by representatives from the Parish Councils of Denby Dale, Holme Valley and Kirkburton. **246 Recommendations from Kirklees' Parish Review**
- Resolved:** To adopt the responses and submit the document to Kirklees as a joint submission from the three Parish Councils.
- Members noted the updated grant application for funding of the walks project and considered the requirement for match-funding. **247 EPIP Grant Application – Walks Project**
- Resolved:** To approve £6,000 match-funding of the project to be taken from the Environment budget.

Cllr Sykes left the meeting.

Members noted the Clerk's Report as distributed at the meeting. The Clerk drew members' attention to the urgent grant application from Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association with regard to securing a shop in Highburton, as requested.

248 Clerk's Report

Response of PCT and the process followed in making the decision on Kirkheaton Health Centre.

249 Agenda Items

The meeting then closed.